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Milwaukee Astronomical Society

Gentlemen:

Yesterday's Milwaukee Journal carried your request for reports of sightings of a brilliant meteor last Tuesday evening.

We believe to have seen this meteor. We timed it at 11:12 PM CST July 29, 1952. It fell in an apparently vertical path, and was observed from approximately  $60^{\circ}$  -  $30^{\circ}$  in a meridional plane. Its direction was about  $5$  or  $10^{\circ}$  E of N, as seen from Eagle Heights, just west of Madison. It fell very fast, and was seen for about 1-2 seconds. One of us may have heard an explosion about 2 seconds after the sighting, but this may have been irrelevant. The meteor was a bright green color-- the brightest that one of us had ever seen.

I hope this information may be useful to you. The meteor itself was clearly visible, but it was necessary to move to another spot to sight Polaris, which is why the directions are as indefinite as given.

Could this have been the same object reported in the newspaper?

Yours sincerely

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